

Joint resolution instructing our Senators and requesting our Representatives in the United States Congress, to oppose the substitution of specific duties on imports, in place of the present ad valorem system.

Joint resolution relative to frontier protection.

On motion of Mr. Wallace, the Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, 9 o'clock, A. M., January 31st, 1850.

The Senate was called to order by the President, Senators present—Messrs. Brashear, Cooke, Davis, Grimes, Hart, Kinney, Latimer, McRae, Moffett, Pease, Phillips, Robertson, Taylor, Truit, Walker and Wallace.

The journals of yesterday were read and adopted.

Mr. Robertson, chairman of the committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred a bill to create the office of State Translator, reported a substitute for the same, and recommended its adoption and passage.

Mr. McRae, chairman of the committee on Printing, made the following report :

COMMITTEE ROOM, January 31st, 1850.

To the Hon. JOHN A. GREER,

President of the Senate :

The committee on Printing to whom was referred a resolution authorizing said committee to contract for the printing of three hundred and fifty copies of the Auditor and Comptroller's report, beg leave to report that they have contracted with the Austin Gazette for the printing of the whole number called for by the resolution, at the price of fifteen dollars, to be furnished in pamphlet form, to the Auditor and Comptroller.

Mr. Moffett, chairman of the committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as correctly engrossed ; a bill for the relief of the heirs of Arthur Eldridge ; and

A bill making an appropriation of land for the payment of Henry P. Brewster and James Webb, for professional services rendered by them in behalf of the State.

A message was received from the House of Representatives, informing the Senate, that the House had passed the following bills and joint resolutions, originating in the Senate, viz :

A bill for the relief of Frederick Scranton.

A bill to authorize Mrs. Julia Stanton, to take the guardianship of her son William Ewing Stanton.

A bill for the relief of James R. Pace.

A bill for the relief of Daniel Fuller.

A bill for the relief of John Jackson, of Dallas county.

A bill to authorize the Commissioner of the General Land Office to issue a headright certificate to Guy M. Bryan.

Joint resolution for the relief of Jacob Albright.

Joint resolution authorizing and requiring the Commissioner of the General Land Office to issue a certificate to J. H. Singleton for one-third of a league of land; also, that the House had concurred in the amendments of the Senate to a bill to incorporate the Galveston and Brazos Navigation Company; also,

That the House had passed the following bills and joint resolutions, originating in the House, viz:

A bill to extend the provisions of an act entitled an act to provide for ascertaining the debt of the late Republic of Texas, approved March 20th, 1848.

A bill for the relief of the heirs and legal representatives of Charles Martin, dec'd.

A bill for the relief of Melville Langham.

A bill to incorporate the Guadalupe Bridge Company.

A bill to incorporate the town of Livingston.

A bill more permanently locating the seat of justice of Grayson county.

A bill for the relief of John Beeman, John S. Beeman, James J. Beeman and John N. Bryan.

A bill for the relief of Greenberry Logan and Joseph Taylor.

A bill to authorize the county of Harris to levy and collect a special tax, not to exceed one-half of the State tax of said county.

A bill for the relief of the persons taken prisoners by the Mexican army at San Antonio; and

Joint resolution for the relief of John P. Rosier.

Mr. Wallace, chairman of the committee on Enrolled Bills, made the following report:

COMMITTEE ROOM, Jan. 31st, 1850.

Hon. JOHN A. GREER,

President of the Senate:

The joint committee on Enrolled Bills, have examined the following bills and joint resolutions, and find them correctly enrolled.

The joint resolution for the relief of John J. Little.

Joint resolution donating to John Neill and James O. Rice

one league of land each, for being permanently disabled in the service of the Republic of Texas, and one league of land to the legal heirs of Hays Covington, who was killed in the service of the same.

A bill for the relief of Cain T. Brush, a soldier in the army of the late Republic of Texas.

A bill for the relief of the heirs of Patsey Lewis; and

A bill to authorize and require the Commissioner of the General Land Office to issue patents to Wiley Marshall and Edward H. Pitts, for 320 acres of land each.

Mr. Moffett reported a bill supplementary to an act regulating elections, passed March 16th, 1848, correctly engrossed.

Mr. Wallace, from the committee on Public Lands, made the following report:

COMMITTEE ROOM, Jan. 31st, 1850.

Hon. JOHN A. GREER,

President of the Senate:

The committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill to authorize the Commissioner of the General Land Office to receive from the Secretary of State, the archives of Martin De Leon's Colony, have not obtained any information on the subject in any way, subsidiary to that contained in the report heretofore made by the joint committee raised by the two Houses, to report upon the expediency of the measure contemplated by the bill. They, therefore, return the bill for the action of the Senate, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

A message was received from the House, informing the Senate that the House had passed the following bills originating in the House, viz:

A bill to amend an act to regulate the time of holding the courts in the fourth Judicial district, approved March 15th, 1848.

A bill to define the time of holding the courts in the twelfth Judicial district; and

A bill to provide for the election of a Judge and District Attorney, for the twelfth Judicial district; also,

That the House had adopted a substitute for a bill to quiet land titles west of the river Nueces.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill relating to the proceedings in civil actions, together with the report of the committee on the Judiciary, offering an amendment to the caption; was read and amendment adopted.

Mr. Pease moved to amend the 140th section, by inserting the words "not taxed," after "indians." Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Wallace, the rule was suspended; bill read third time and passed, by the following vote:

Yeas: Messrs. Gage, Kinney, Latimer, McRae, Moffett, Pease, Phillips, Portis, Taylor, Truit, Van Derlip, Ward and Wallace—13.

Nays: Messrs. Brashear, Cooke, Grimes, Hart, Parker, Robertson and Walker—7.

Mr. McRae introduced a bill to prohibit the location of lands included in grants heretofore made by the State of Coahuila and Texas; read first time.

On motion of Mr. Pease, the rule was suspended; bill read second time and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

A bill to provide for the investigation of land titles, in certain counties therein mentioned.

A substitute of the House for a bill to quiet land titles west of the river Nueces; read first time.

On motion of Mr. Pease, the rule was suspended; bill read second time and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Pease, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported a substitute for a bill to alter the time of holding the courts in the first Judicial district, and recommended its passage.

Mr. Robertson, chairman of the committee on Private Land Claims, to whom was referred the petition of William Wallace, reported the following bill, and recommended its passage:

A bill for the relief of William W. Wallace; read first time.

On motion of Mr. Pease, the vote which laid on the table until Saturday next, a bill to amend an act to establish the Judicial districts of the District courts, was reconsidered, and on motion of Mr. Latimer, referred to a committee of five.

Messrs. Latimer, Walker, Parker, Taylor and Cooke, were appointed said committee.

Mr. Wallace reported a bill defining the ninth Judicial district; referred to the same Select committee.

On motion the Senate adjourned until half past 2 o'clock.

HALF PAST 2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Senate met—roll called—quorum present.

A message was received from the Governor, presenting the following communication:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, Jan. 31st, 1850.

To the Honorable the Senate:

In compliance with a resolution of the Senate, requiring the Executive to procure from some competent draftsman, a plan of a fireproof building for a General Land Office and Treasury Department, to be included in one building, if practicable, with estimate of the probable cost, I have the honor to state that I engaged at the earliest day, the services of a most competent draftsman, Robert Creuzbaur, Esq., and submit herewith to the Senate, the plan and estimate believed to be contemplated in the resolution.

P. H. BELL.

On motion of Mr. Parker, referred to the committee on Finance.

A bill to prevent locations in the Colonies of Austin, De Witt and De Leon; read first time.

A bill more permanently locating the seat of justice of Grayson county; read first time.

The following bills and joint resolutions were severally read a third time and passed, viz:

A bill to amend the fourth section of an act for the regulation of Pilots, at the mouth of the Brazos river, approved March 18, 1848.

A bill for the relief of George T. Howard and Duncan C. Ogden.

A bill to organize the county of Ellis.

A bill for the relief of Martha McBride and Margaret Garnet.

Joint resolution for the relief of William R. Baker.

Joint resolution for the relief of Christopher Troute and R. M. Davis.

A bill for the relief of the heirs of Arthur Eldridge; and

A bill making an appropriation of land for the payment of Henry P. Brewster and James Webb, for professional services rendered by them in behalf of the State.

The following bills and joint resolutions from the House, were severally read a first time, viz:

A bill to provide for the election of a Judge and District Attorney, for the twelfth Judicial district.

A bill to define the time of holding the courts in the twelfth Judicial district.

A bill to amend an act to regulate the time of holding the Courts in the fourth Judicial district, approved March 15th, 1848.

A bill to authorize the county of Harris to levy and collect a special tax, not to exceed one-half of the State tax of said county.

A bill to extend the provisions of an act to provide for ascertaining the debt of the late Republic of Texas, approved March 20th, 1848.

A bill to incorporate the town of Livingston.

A bill to incorporate the Guadalupe Bridge Company.

A bill for the relief of Melvill Langham.

A bill for the relief of John Beeman, John S. Beeman, James J. Beeman and John N. Bryan.

A bill for the relief of the persons taken prisoners by the Mexican army at San Antonio.

A bill for the relief of Greenberry Logan and Joseph Taylor.

A bill for the relief of the heirs and legal representatives of Charles Martin, dec'd.

A bill for the relief of Edward Miles; read first time.

On motion of Mr Robertson, the rule was suspended; bill read second time and referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Joint resolution for the relief of John P. Rosier; read first time.

On motion of Mr. Phillips, the rule was suspended; resolution read second time and referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

On motion of Mr. Walker, a bill to authorize and require the Commissioner of the General Land Office to issue patents for land on surveys made in Peters' Colony, was taken up and placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Hart introduced a bill authorizing Wm. S. Peters, his associates and assigns to purchase the alternate sections of land in Peters' Colony; read first time.

On motion of Mr. Walker, the rule was suspended; bill read second time.

On motion of Mr. Hart, referred to the committee on Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. Portis, the rule requiring reports to lie on the table one day, was suspended, and a bill to alter the time of holding the courts in the first Judicial district, together with the report of the committee on the Judiciary, offering a substitute therefor, was taken up and read; substitute adopted and bill ordered to be engrossed.

A bill to define the time of holding the District courts in the fifth Judicial district, together with the report of the Special committee thereon; was read.

On motion of Mr. Wallace, the bill, report and accompanying documents, were referred to a Select committee of five, raised

on a bill to amend an act to establish the Judicial districts of the District courts.

A bill to define the boundaries of Limestone county; read and passed to a third reading.

Joint resolution granting the Honorable Fielding Jones, Judge of the tenth Judicial district, leave of absence from the State; read and passed to a third reading.

A bill requiring the District Judge of the sixth Judicial district, to hold special courts in the county of Panola, together with the report of the Special committee, offering amendments thereto, was read and amendments adopted.

Mr. Gage moved to amend by striking out "unavailable," in 2d line of 1st section; adopted and bill passed to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Gage, the rule was suspended; bill read third time and passed.

A bill for the relief of the heirs at law of John Dentworth, together with the report of the committee on the Judiciary, recommending that the bill be laid on the table, was read and report adopted.

A bill to amend an act to allow setoffs, in certain cases, together with the report of the committee on the Judiciary, recommending that it be laid on the table; was read and report adopted.

The report of the committee on Claims and Accounts on the memorial of John W. King, a citizen of West Feliciana, in the State of Louisiana; was read and adopted.

A bill concerning lands acquired by aliens; read.

Mr. Latimer moved to lay the bill on the table until to-morrow: Lost.

Mr. Pease offered the following proviso to the 2d section:

"Provided, that the provisions of this act shall not apply to or affect the rights of parties in any suit now pending." Adopted, and bill ordered to be engrossed.

A bill providing for the payment of the forage, subsistence, medicines, &c., of the company of mounted volunteers commanded by Capt. Johnson, and mustered into the service of the State, by order of his Excellency, George T. Wood, Governor; read.

On motion of Mr. Phillips, made the special order of the day for to-morrow.

A bill for the relief of the heirs of Tilman Baker, deceased; read, and ordered to be engrossed.

The report of the committee on Claims and Accounts, on the petition of Benjamin W. Bedford, of Panola county, Mississippi, asking to be discharged from its further consideration; was read and adopted.

A bill to amend the charter of the town of Goliad, together with the report of the committee on the Judiciary, recommending that it be laid on the table; was read and report adopted.

A bill to authorize and require Judges of the District courts to hold special sessions thereof, in certain cases, with the report of the Judiciary committee, recommending that it be laid on the table; was read and report adopted.

The report of the committee on Indian Affairs, on the petition of the citizens of Tyler county, praying an appropriation of money to purchase lands for the settlement of a remnant of Alabama Indians, recommending that no further action be had on it; was adopted.

A bill to authorize the Governor to appoint a General Staff, and organize the militia of the State of Texas, together with the report of the Select committee, offering an amendment thereto; was read, amendment adopted and bill ordered to be engrossed.

A bill amendatory of an act to establish the method of trying the right of property levied on under writs of execution, sequestration and attachment, when the same is claimed by a person not a party to such writs, together with the report of the committee on the Judiciary, recommending that it be laid on the table; was read and report adopted.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, on a resolution instructing them to enquire into the expediency of admitting to record in this State, certified copies of deeds made and recorded in the State of Louisiana, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the subject; was adopted.

The report of the committee on Claims and Accounts, on the petition of G. M. Norton and G. W. and P. E. Norton, recommending that it be laid on the table; was adopted.

A bill supplementary to an act regulating elections, passed March 16th, 1848; read third time and passed.

A bill for the relief of Wm. B. Andrews; read second time and ordered to be engrossed.

A bill for the relief of B. F. Mott; read second time.

On motion of Mr. Moffett, referred to the committee on Claims and Accounts.

A bill to amend the 130th section of an act regulating proceedings in civil suits, approved May 13th, 1846; read second time.

On motion of Mr. Pease, referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

A bill for the relief of certain persons, formerly prisoners of war in Mexico; read second time.

On motion of Mr. Portis, referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

A bill to define the boundary line between Gonzales and Caldwell counties; read second time.

On motion of Mr. Van Derlip, referred to the committee on County Boundaries.

Joint resolution relative to frontier protection; read second time.

On motion of Mr. Gage, referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Joint resolution instructing our Senators and requesting our Representatives in the United States Congress, to oppose the substitution of specific duties on imports, in place of the present ad valorem system; read second time.

On motion of Mr. Portis, referred to the committee on State Affairs.

On motion the Senate adjourned.

FRIDAY, 9 o'clock, A. M. February 1st, 1850,

The Senate was called to order by the President—Senators present: Messrs. Brashear, Burleson, Gage, Grimes, Hart, Latimer, McRae, Moffett, Parker, Pease, Phillips, Robertson, Taylor, Truit, Van Derlip, Ward, Walker and Wallace.

The Journals of yesterday were read and adopted.

Mr. Gage, chairman of the committee on County Boundaries, to whom was referred a bill to define the boundary line between Gonzales and Caldwell counties; reported the same back to the Senate, and recommended its passage.

Mr. Wallace, from the committee on Enrolled Bills, made the following reports:

COMMITTEE ROOM, Feb. 1st, 1850.

Hon. JOHN A. GREER,

President of the Senate:

The Joint committee on Enrolled Bills, have examined the following bills and joint resolutions, and find them correctly enrolled:

The bill to remove from the possession of the County Clerk of Webb county, all books, papers, documents and other property